

Meeting Minutes
Marion Pathway Committee
Jan. 2, 2020

Marion Police Department
Community Room, 6pm
Route 6
Marion, Massachusetts

The meeting began at: 6:03pm

Attendees: Paula Meere, Steve Lohrenz, John Menzel, Lorraine Heffernan, Derek Krein, Jeff Oakes, John Rockwell

1. Timeline

John Rockwell addressed John Menzel's question as to why it takes over a year from bid specs to construction engineering (1 yr and 8 mos). to put the project in the money line. The bidding process takes time. Jeff responded that he's not involved in this particular timeline, but, generally this is typical. The state is involved. It's possible that it could be faster. For example, it shouldn't take us 2 years to get the right of away. Every time something is sent to the state, they have 90 days to respond. The state won't fall behind schedule because they make the schedule. We need to get things moving on our end, then, we could ask the state to move us up. Strauss assured John that there are no worries: we should continue to move ahead. Lorraine asked about the abutters and John has contacted Jay McGrail to work on this. John Rockwell will call Jeremy about the 75% submittal.

2. SouthCoast Bikeway Alliance representative: re-appointment of Jeff Oakes

John Rockwell: Jeff is a great representative to the SC Bikeway Alliance. Jeff asked for an alternate person to be the representative. No responses. They meet on the third Thursday of every month at the Wamsutta Club. Paula moved to appoint Jeff as the representative to the SC Bikeway Alliance, seconded by Steve and unanimously approved.

3. Endangered Species update

John Rockwell: The state worked with a vendor to come up with a scope of work, but the state person never contacted us. John asked for a list of people to call. He emailed the state person saying that we can't go on property to do an environmental survey without permission. We need to wait a month for "no response" from landowners. John went through the process with the state, EverSource, and the town of Mattapoissett. Only the state responded and asked about the property. So, John decided to do the MA highway land as well as EverSource, since there were no clear responses. The lowest bidder was contacted but asked for 50% up front, and that can't

happen. John finally signed with the lowest bidder. It can't be done when the ground is frozen. They look for suitable habitats for turtle nesting.

4. Other Business

Jeff and John have been working on Point Road as far as Joanne Dr. The next step is discussion at the Open Space meeting and then file a permit application.

Approve minutes of Sept. 12, 2019

John Rockwell moved to approve the minutes of September 12, 2019, seconded by John Menzel, approved unanimously.

Our next meeting will likely be in May.

5. The meeting adjourned at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Meere
Secretary
Marion Pathway Committee